



**Staff Report**  
**City of Richmond, Virginia**  
**Commission of Architectural Review**



1. COA-111519-2022	<b>Final Review</b>	<b>Meeting Date: 5/24/2022</b>
<b>Applicant/Petitioner</b>	Anne Grier	
<b>Project Description</b>	Replace an existing rear aluminum fence with a stucco clad masonry wall and metal gate.	
<b>Project Location</b>		
<b>Address:</b> 3317 Monument Ave.		
<b>Historic District:</b> Monument Avenue		
<b>High-Level Details:</b> <p>The Applicant proposes to replace an existing black, aluminum rear fence with a 6-foot wall clad in stucco.</p> <p>The stucco color will be “sand” and the texture will match the stucco on the main dwelling’s rear addition, which was constructed in 2015</p> <p>The stucco clad wall will have two black aluminum gates with minimal ornamentation.</p>		
<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Approval, with Conditions</b>	
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<b>Previous Reviews</b>	In 2015, the Commission approved the construction of a rear addition to the main dwelling.	
<b>Conditions for Approval</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff recommends that the final gate design not include decorative elements, but rather be a simple design, similar to the existing gates, specifications be submitted to staff for review and approval.</li> </ul>	

**Staff Analysis**

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
Standards For Site improvements,	5. When considering the design of new fences, remember that some districts, such as Church Hill North and Union Hill,	The applicant is proposing to replace an existing black, aluminum, rear fence with a stucco clad wall, which will be a simple design

<p>Fences, pg. 5, 6 &amp; 9</p>	<p>historically featured modest wooden picket fences, while some districts, such as Monument Avenue and West Grace Street, more rarely had fences, and when they did occur, were rarely wooden picket fences. In the event of a conjectural fence, the design should seek simplicity, rather than elaboration.</p> <p>6. A new fence or wall should be constructed using materials and designs appropriate to the District. Height restrictions are governed by the Zoning Ordinance.</p> <p>9. Rear-yard privacy fences should mimic traditional fence designs.</p>	<p>and feature materials that are common in the district and present on the existing dwelling.</p> <p>The wall will extend along the side and rear property lines, and will be six feet tall and consist of ten foot wide wall sections divided by vertical pillars with 12x12" limestone caps.</p> <p>There are many examples of rear wall throughout the Monument Avenue City Old and Historic District, mostly brick, however stucco examples, while not as common, are present.</p> <p>There will be two, black, aluminum gates associated with the wall. The gates will be a simple design with vertical pickets and decorative pointed caps. <u>Staff recommends that the final gate design not include decorative elements, but rather be a simple design, similar to the existing gates. specifications be submitted to staff for review and approval.</u></p>
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**Figures**



Figure 1. Façade photo



Figure 2. Example stucco wall



Figure 3. Existing rear aluminum fence. CAR Files, Feb. 2019